THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

Role of NAFED and TRIFED

3557. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any role of NAFED and TRIFED in N.E. region ;

(b) whether any exercise has been made to assess the performances of NAFED and TRIFED in the N.E. Region;

(c) what is the percentage of business of NAFED and TRIFED in N.E. region to the total business during the last 5 years; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to open branch office of NAFED and Marketing center of TRIFED in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The percentage of business of TRIFED in N.E. region to the total business during the last 5 years are as under:

Financial Year	Percentage
1995-96	0.004
1996-97	0.03
1997-98	0.06
1998-99	1.01
1999-2000 (till Feb., 2000)	2.19

NAFED is also actively working in the North Eastern region through the local branch located at Guwahati, however, share of business in this region as compared to the total turnover of NAFED is not sizeable due to various reasons such as lack of infrastructure, absence of cooperative network and conducive atmosphere for doing the business in the region.

(d) No, Sir.